

## IN THE CLAIMS

1           Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A tool for insertion through the coracoid process  
and into the glenoid vault of a scapula, comprising:

an elongated, ~~hollow~~, rigid tube, having an exterior surface and an open interior portion  
5           that extends between distal and proximal ends; said tube having a length and  
diameter such that its distal end may be positioned in the glenoid vault and so  
that its proximal end may be placed into communication with a suction  
mechanism;

an elongated sleeve ~~which is operatively coupled with~~ slidably mounted on said tube in  
10           a manner that permits selective, sliding movement of said sleeve along a length  
of the exterior surface of said tube; said sleeve having proximal and distal ends;  
and

a gasket operatively coupled to the distal end of said sleeve and the exterior surface of  
15           said tube in a manner that permits selective, sliding movement of said gasket  
along a length of the exterior surface of said tube; said gasket being positioned in  
a manner that establishes ~~to be slidably coupled with said tube so that a seal is~~  
~~established~~ between the distal end of said sleeve and the exterior surface of said  
20           tube; said gasket being shaped and sized for selective sealing engagement with  
the coracoid process when the distal end of said tube is positioned in the glenoid  
vault.

25           Claim 2 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has a  
plurality of openings formed therein.

1 Claim 3 (Original) The tool of claim 1 wherein said distal end of said tube has an arcuate portion.

5 Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1 wherein said tube is provided with an angular bend, adjacent the distal end of said tube, so that the open interior portion of ~~is angularly disposed with respect to the remainder of said tube~~ extends along a non-linear path between said proximal and distal ends.

Claim 5 (Original) The tool of claim 1 further including a flexible obturator which may be selectively extended through said tube to clear said tube of debris.

10 Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A tool for drawing external material into the honeycomb structure of a bone by providing negative pressure to a bone cavity, comprising:

15 an elongated tube having distal and proximal ends and an outer surface;

said distal end of said elongated tube being positionable within the bone cavity, and

said proximal end of said elongated tube being in operative communication with a suction mechanism; and

20 a sleeve, having proximal and distal end portions, that is slidably coupled with the outer surface of said elongated tube; said distal end portion of said sleeve having a sealing surface that is shaped and positioned in a manner that permits said sealing surface to ~~can~~ be selectively positioned against the bone, around an opening to said bone cavity, to seal said bone cavity while the distal end of said

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tube is disposed within the bone cavity~~said suction mechanism provides negative pressure to said bone cavity to draw the external material into the honeycomb structure of the bone.~~

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